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CHARTER FOR THE SOIL*

By John Drummond

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A book about agriculture in the British Isles, by a Scottish author, who has had long experience in farming. Mr. Drummond's plan is presented in considerable detail. In general, he would place British agriculture on a footing comparable with industry and eliminate dependence upon subsidies of any kind.

The book is filled with descriptions of British systems of farming, some refreshing views on most of the physical and social sciences and their relationships to agriculture. All is sprinkled with bits of homey philosophy and wit that makes even prosaic scientific facts interesting reading. For example, this gem about poultry, "Hens," Alan says, "die in debt"; or this, "A few months ago I had a heated, or almost heated, argument with a farmer about supplying fertility synthetically. He was desperately agricultural college in outlook . . . chemistry section."

There is something in this book that will interest most of those who deal with agriculture, including the scientist and the layman.

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AGRICULTURE IN AN UNSTABLE ECONOMY*

By Theodore W. Schultz

Comment by C. G. Deaton, Program Analyst
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This book is a result of one of several research studies on various economic subjects undertaken by the Committee for Economic Development. The study is essentially an analysis of problems of agriculture in relation to other segments of the national economy. The author critically analyzes the effect of non-farm activities upon agriculture as he believes the basic causes for the farm problem are not within agriculture but elsewhere in our economy.

The main purpose of the book according to the author is to lay the foundations for a national policy with regard to agriculture. This involves among other things a reduction in the underemployment in agriculture and higher relative income for those engaged in agriculture. Since agriculture is increasingly dependent upon the rest of the economy, such a policy is dependent upon the growth of the industrial economy, full industrial employment and a removal of barriers to migration from agriculture.

The author emphasizes in considerable detail his argument that the heart of the long-time farm problem is an excess supply of labor resources in agriculture which has resulted in a real disparity of earnings between those engaged in agriculture and those employed in other parts of the economy.

Dr. Schultz critically examines several of the various government agricultural programs. He is particularly critical of the legislation under which Commodity Credit loan rates are tied to the parity price formula and states that "any attempt to enforce farm-price relationships that prevailed prior to World War I is bound to distort seriously the price structure appropriate to agriculture." He advocates a system of compensatory payments to farmers and examines advantages and defects of such a system. He also discusses the use of forward prices for agricultural products.

This book should be interesting reading to all persons concerned with positive long-range policies that are being advocated for post war agriculture.

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